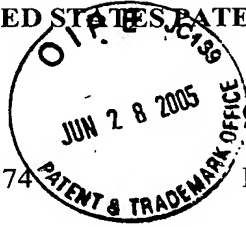


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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/JP2003/010592

Box No. I Basis of the report

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 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

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- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2, 4, 5, 8, 10-13	YES
	Claims	1, 3, 6, 7, 9	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	4, 5, 10-13	YES
	Claims	1-3, 6-9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 1-185651 A (Minolta Camera Co., Ltd.), 25 July 1989 (document cited in the international search report)

Document 2: JP 1-185650 A (Minolta Camera Co., Ltd.), 25 July 1989 (document cited in the international search report)

Document 3: JP 2002-82487 A (Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation), 22 March 2002 (document cited in the international search report)

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7 and 9

The invention set forth in claims 1, 3, 6, 7 and 9 is disclosed in document 1 (claims, page 7, lower right column; page 12, upper right column to page 13, upper left column) and document 2 (claims, page 8, lower left column; page 11, upper right column to page 14, upper left column), and therefore lacks novelty and does not involve an inventive step.

Claims 2 and 8

The invention set forth in claims 2 and 8 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1 to 3. Document 3 indicates that a fixing temperature range includes the temperature range at 145°C or below (table

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2), and that the substrate particles of toner coated with thin film are formed by agglomerating primary particles of a polymer (see paragraph [0050], etc.), and it would be easy for a person skilled in the art to set the fixing temperature of the toner to the range set forth in document 3, and to have the particles set forth in document 3 serve as the substrate particles of the toner.

Claims 4, 5 and 10 to 13

The invention set forth in claims 4, 5 and 10 to 13 is not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the international search report, and would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art.